MASS EFFECT UNIVERSE

By the year 2183, mankind has mastered the ability to travel throughout the galaxy at faster-than-light speeds, bringing them in contact with a host of alien races. Now humanity struggles to find its place in the greater galactic community.

As Commander Shepard of the Systems Alliance Military, aboard the spacecraft Normandy, you represent humanity's first and last line of defense against the strange wonders of a vast and often dangerous galaxy. Your actions and decisions will determine the fate of the human race ... and shape the future of an entire galaxy.

GETTING STARTED

After inserting the Mass Effect™ game disc into your Xbox 360® console, press START.

The Main Menu appears. Choose **Start New Career**, and then press A.

You enter the Mission Computer database and begin to reconstruct your profile to confirm your identity.

CHARACTER CREATION

You have two options when initially creating your character:

- Play as the default Commander Shepard and choose a first name.
- Create a custom character, in which you control every detail.

Custom Character Creation

Profile Reconstruction
Military Specialization
Soldier
Engineer
Adept
Infiltrator
Sentinel
Vanguard
Engineers are tech specialists. Using the holographic omni-tool, they can decrypt security systems, repair or modify technical equipment, disrupt enemy weapons or shields, and heal their squad. Engineers can only use light armor, and can only receive weapons training with pistols.
Accept A
B Back

Start by using the Xbox keyboard function to type a first name for Commander Shepard.

Next, choose your custom character's early history: Earthborn, Colonist, or Spacer. This choice represents the first of many that affect how characters will react to you during gameplay.

Use ◌ to move to the Pre-Service History option you want, and then press A to select it.

Use ◌ to move to Psychological Profile. Press A to select Ruthless, War Hero, or Sole Survivor.

Then, press A to select your character class. If you select the default setting, your character is a Soldier.